

(*Hartford*) – Today, **Congressman John B. Larson** announced that Greater Hartford Legal Aid has been awarded over \$330,000 in federal funding from the Department of Justice to help continue the Connecticut Domestic Violence Legal Assistance Partnership Initiative. A state-wide collaboration with Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Connecticut Legal Services, and New Haven Legal Assistance Association, the Initiative provides legal representation to Connecticut victims of domestic violence, works to increase representation of underserved victims, and coordinates domestic violence advocacy across the state.

"All too often for victims of domestic violence the right legal help can be the difference between life and death for them or their family," said Congressman Larson. "That's where Hartford Legal Aid and its partners comes in. They work every day to help see justice served for victims of domestic violence in our communities, so I'm glad to see these federal funds going to help them keep up their good work. We should be doing everything we can here in Connecticut, and across the nation, to end domestic violence and protect families from those who would harm them."

Earlier this month, the Department of Justice also awarded Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services \$117,000 to support state coalition efforts for coordinating victim services within Connecticut and to provide support to member rape crisis centers.

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